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## Park Police Officer Involved Shooting

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following:

This evening a Park Police Officer working in an off duty capacity was involved in a shooting at Kennedy Park (3100 Roselawn). The officer encountered two suspects using narcotics. The officer also observed a handgun on the dash board of the suspect vehicle. As the suspects fled in their vehicle, the officer was knocked to the ground and her lower leg was partially run over by the tire. The officer fired two rounds but it is unknown if the suspects were hit. The officer will be treated at a local hospital for her injury.

The suspects fled in an older model green Cadillac. The suspects are described as two Hispanic males in their thirties.

The officer involved shooting team is currently investigating the incident. As per department protocol the officer, a 3 year veteran, will be placed on administrative duty.

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